



# Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Minutes

## Wednesday, May 26, 2021

### Team Members Present:

Hon. Jennifer Dorow, Chief Judge & Chair  
Hon. Maria Lazar, Juvenile Court Judge  
District Court Administrator Michael Neimon  
District Attorney Sue Opper  
Victim Witness Coordinator Jen Dunn  
Sheriff Eric Severson  
DOC Community Corrections Field Supervisor Marla Bell  
Clerk of Circuit Court Monica Paz

City of Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly  
County Board Chair Paul Decker (CJCC Vice Chair)  
SPD Regional Attorney Manager Jeremy Perri  
Town of Brookfield Municipal Judge JoAnn Eiring  
HHS Director Elizabeth Aldred  
City of Waukesha Police Chief Dan Thompson  
WCS Associate Executive Director Sara Carpenter

### Team Members Absent:

County Executive Paul Farrow  
Citizen Member Jody Huelsman

UW-Extension Director Jerry Braatz  
DOC Regional Chief Vicki Seibel-Garvey

### Others Present:

Senior Administrative Specialist Janelle McClain  
County Supervisor Joel Gaughan  
Jail Administrator Angie Wollenhaupt  
Department Executive Assistant Staci Griffiths (proxy for Braatz)  
Deputy Jail Administrator Tracy Lewandowski  
Citizen Bob Gibson

Justice Services Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj  
County Supervisor Larry Nelson  
HHS Clinical Services Division Manager Kirk Yauchler  
The Community Executive Director Shannon Ross  
Chief Deputy Clerk Francesca Backus (Proxy for Paz)  
Citizen Ralph Schultz

### Welcome

Chair Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

### Approve Minutes from March 24, 2021

Motion: Decker moved, second by Reilly, to approve the minutes from March 24, 2021. Motion carried without a negative vote.

### Presentation: Overview of *The Community Reentry Organization*

Ross gave an overview of The Community, an organization created to provide information and resources to incarcerated persons, so they are better prepared for release back into the community.

The website for The Community is <https://thecommunitynow.us/>.

### Discuss and Consider Becoming a *Stepping Up County*

Luczaj shared and reviewed a document titled "The Stepping Up Initiative."

At the March 17 CJCC Mental Health Committee, members voted to recommend to the CJCC that Waukesha County submit a letter of support and commitment to become a Stepping Up County.

Paz arrived at 9:11 a.m.

After concerns were raised by Severson and Opper, Luczaj suggested that the group have a presentation at their next meeting in July on the Stepping Up Initiative from Mark Stovell with the Council of State Governments, who is the technical assistance advisor for Waukesha County's Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) grant. The group agreed with this suggestion and Luczaj will arrange for the presentation.

## **Stakeholder Operational Updates Related to the Pandemic**

Stakeholders provided updates on their respective areas related to operational changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Courthouse Construction Project Update**

Dorow reported that the secured tower project is on target for the occupancy permit in June and operating out of the new addition as of August 30. The existing courthouse renovations are still in the preliminary stages, as stakeholders are waiting to hear back from the architect on project cost estimates. The space allocation analysis has been completed.

### **CJCC Committee Updates**

#### ***Pretrial***

Dorow reported that the committee, meeting monthly, has been reviewing the waitlist for the Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program (IDIP), as well as monitoring the caseload size of the Pretrial Supervision program. There will be a presentation at the July 14 meeting from a consultant from Michigan regarding the efficacy of drug testing as a condition of bond.

#### ***Case Processing***

Opper reported that the committee will be meeting on Thursday and has been focusing on the backlog of cases caused by the pandemic. Pretrial conferencing will resume this summer.

#### ***Alternative Interventions***

Perri reported that the last meeting was held in April, and the committee will be meeting again next week. The committee has been focusing on reviewing progress of the Diversion program grant, as well as the ongoing effort to add a law enforcement officer to the OWITC staffing team.

#### ***Mental Health***

Aldred reported that at the last meeting, attendees discussed the progress made on the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant and had a presentation from NAMI on Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.

#### ***Victims' Rights***

Dunn reported that there are no updates- the next meeting will be held on June 7.

### **Announcements**

Dorow would like the CJCC to transition back to in-person meetings as soon as social distancing guidelines have been lifted. She will let CJCC committees decide if/when they want to resume meeting in-person.

Lazar announced that Waukesha is 1 of 3 counties chosen to participate in the Children's Court Improvement Program (CCIP) pilot, which focuses on tailoring dispositional orders for CHIPS cases.

Dorow requested that a standing agenda item be added to all future CJCC meetings entitled, "Juvenile Court/Juvenile Summit Committee Update," to be given by Lazar.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjourn**

Motion: Decker moved, second by Reilly, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.